

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please cancel claims 17-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A pile driving device for driving in piles, comprising an axially-guided impact body movable in a hammer housing, an impact hood and a pile sleeve wherein the separation between the lower end of the pile sleeve and the impact hood is less than twice the internal diameter of the pile sleeve.
2. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 1, wherein the separation between the lower end of the pile sleeve and the impact hood is less than half the internal diameter of the pile sleeve.
3. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 1 wherein the pile sleeve is designed to be divided into two or more parts along at least one partition line.
4. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 3 wherein the partition line is substantially radial.
5. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 3 wherein the partition line is substantially circularly concentric.
6. (currently amended) A pile driving device according to claim 1 wherein the pile sleeve comprises two or more parts and a seal between the parts.

7. (currently amended) A pile driving device according to claim 1 ~~characterised~~
characterized in that the lower end of the pile sleeve has a diameter of more than 2.5
~~metres~~ meters.
8. (currently amended) A pile driving device according to claim 7, wherein the lower
end of the pile sleeve has a diameter of less than 8 ~~metres~~ meters.
9. (currently amended) A pile driving device according to claim 8, wherein the lower
end of the pile sleeve has a diameter of substantially 5 ~~metres~~ meters.
10. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 1 wherein the pile sleeve
further comprises one or more adapter elements for adapting to piles of different
diameter.
11. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 10 wherein the adapter
elements of the pile sleeve comprise radially disposed plates.
12. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 1 wherein the impact hood
further comprises an adapter plate at its lower end, for engagement, in use, with a pile
to be driven.
13. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 1 wherein the pile sleeve
comprises a cone with a cylindrical jacket.
14. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 1 wherein the parts of the pile
sleeve have at the or each partition line flanges by means of which they are connected
through mechanical connectors.

15. (currently amended) A pile driving device according to claim 13 wherein the cone and/or cylindrical jacket of the pile sleeve comprise a plurality of with interconnected supports.

16. (original) A pile driving device according to claim 1 wherein the hammer housing of the pile driving device comprises a hammer foot and an adapter ring is mounted between the hammer foot and the pile sleeve .

Claims 17-21: (canceled)